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It is that time of year when all subscription renewals are due and we encouroge you to continue your support of Nature Kenya.

Nature Kenya is about botany, birds, bugs, and their conservation but it is olso about people - the people who support its oims, the people who play a part, the people who are its members. These members are people who share the same concerns for our environment ond believe that Nature Kenya gives hope for the future.

The number of people who support the society os members is growing and now number one thousand one hundred and forty. Our self appointed 'millenium challenge' is two thousand members by the end of the year 2000. This is important not of itself but becouse these members give the organisation a stronger voice and profile in conservation and enhance our educational capacity, allowing us to reach our common goal for biodiversity conservation, decode after decade.

What goals have we been achieving over the last year ?

- Nature Kenya hos been influential in the reviewing of the Environmental and Forestry Bills.
- Nature Kenya organised a workshop on the African Eurasion Waterbird Agreement(AEWA) with participotion from government, NGOs and private sector, to raise awareness of this useful international agreement. The Proceedings ore available from the office.
- Nature Kenya now works directly with eight Site Support Groups oround the country as the Important Bird Areas progromme gains momentum, building grassroots support for conservation. The IBA staff facilitated two grants from donors to Site Support Groups.
- A busier schedule of field outings, birdwalks and other outdoor activities such as the Waterbird Counts ond World Birdwatch play a major role in education and environmental awareness and involve thousands of people.
- Through the efforts of Friends of Noirobi Arboretum the MasterPlan that will tranform and modernise the Nairobi Arboretum has been approved by the Forest Department ond its Ministry.

These are a few of the activities of a very busy year and we could not hove done this without you. I extend to you the appreciotion of the Executive Committee and staff for your support.

We are excited and ready for this new millenium and the many possibilities and challenges that the passage of time will bring. However, how well we take to these new possibilities, meet these challenges, overcome the hurdles depends on you - so pleose don't wait, renew your subscription!

Catherine Ngarachu - Office Manager & Newsletter Editor

Kenya's Number One Birdwatcher Receives RSPB Award

In October our Honorary Secretary, Fleur Ng'weno, was honoured by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in Britain. The RSPB awarded her a lifetime achievement medal for her "outstanding contribution to bird and wildlife conservation in Kenya". Like Nature Kenya, the RSPB is a partner of BirdLife International, and has given important support to our Society.

Fleur began the Wednesday Morning Birdwalk for East Africa Natural History Society members back in 1971. Since then, she has been the most regular leader of the Wednesday walks and mid-month Sunday outings, missing only a few when she is out of town. At an average of 50 a year, that is over 1,400 bird-watching trips! These weekly and monthly outings have served to nurture nascent interest in the observation of nature, and introduced generations of Kenyans and visitors to the diverse birdlife and landscapes of our capital city. Fleur is currently chairman of the Bird Committee of the East Africa Natural History Society.

Photo shows Julian Pettifer, President of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, UK, presenting Fleur with the medal at the RSPB AGM.

Seasons Greetings to all our Members & a Wonderful New Millenium New Year

NATURE KENYA GIFT SUBSCRIPTION

Take out a Nature Kenya subscription for someone of your choice as a Christmas gift (use a separate form). We will send to them:

a **membership card for the year 2000** with our colour brochure and this newsletter, **and**

a **Christmas card** with your message (please provide message).

Note: The office will be closed from Thursday 23 December through to Tuesday 4 January '00

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Evening Talks/ Videos

The Life and Migration of Sockeye Salmon

Sackeye salmon have nourished people since they cauld fish. Born in the freshwater streams of Canada, Alaska and Russia, spending up to three years in the vastness of the north Pacific Ocean, they then return back ta the waters of their birth, turning brillant crimson, spawning and dying before their eggs are even hatched.

This nat ta be missed talk with slides will be given by **Rupert Watson** wha has written and published a book on *'Salmon, Trout & Charr of the World'*

Mon 14 February '00 in the NMK Natural Sciences Seminar Room, 5:30 p.m.

Regular Monthly Activities

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIRDWALKS

Bird-watching walks at sites in and around Nairobi. Meet at the National Museum car park every Wednesday at 8:45 am. Return abaut 12:30 p.m. Those wha are not members can get temporary membership at Kshs 100 per birdwalk, payable on arrival at the car park. Birdwalks continue during the holidays.

On Society field trips, Nature Kenya daes nat accept any respansibility whatsoever in respect of negligence of any of its staff, valunteers ar members arganising the auting ar for any far lass, injury, death or damage to property.

POT LUCK OUTINGS

Bird-watching outings held an every third Sunday of the month, *i.e.* **19 December & 16 January.** Bring a picnic lunch, binoculars, field guides, *etc.* and meet at 9:00 am at the National Museum car park. Thase attending decide an the venue - hence "Pot Luck".

TREE WALK

Arboretum guided Tree Walks on the last Monday of every month i.e. **31 January from 9:30 a.m.** Meet at the FONA offices beside the Girl Guides HQ.

ARABUKO SOKOKE (COAST)

FOREST WALKS - 26 January. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Gede Forest Statian.

BIRD WALKS - Saturday 4 December. Starting at 6:30 a.m. from the Gede Forest Station. Organised by Arabuka Sokake Forest Guides Association.

Membership

KENYA BIRDS FOR ALL MEMBERS

There are many benefits to being a Nature Kenya member, such as the many appartunities for field trips, free entry to National Museums of Kenya and great discounts on publicatians.

Another benefit is the *EANHS Bulletin.* This publicatian is distributed free to members and althaugh not always produced in time it is an important forum for members. Consisting of notes and articles from members, the *Bulletin* needs your input to keep going.

Now, in conjunction with the Bird Committee, Nature Kenya will alsa offer all members another publication: *Kenya Birds. Kenya Birds* deals especially with birds and bird-watching in Kenya and consists of one volume of two parts per year.

If you have already paid for the next volume of Kenya Birds you may instruct the office to do one of the following:

To send the volume to someone of your choice (please provide address) OR to use the dues towards a subscription or purchase of your choice.

BECOME A SPONSOR MEMBER

Even as inflation bites into income and Nature Kenya grows in leaps and bounds membership fees have not risen for several years. This is in part due to some institutional support to develop membership activities that your Society has received. In real terms, 'sponsor' membership comes closer to covering the full costs of membership services. Please renew at this level if you can!

Excursions

Dudu & Bird watch at Olorgesailie Saturday 11 December

The dudus we will be watching on this day are termites (Isoptera). This part of the excursion will be led by Julius Muli from the Entomology Department of the Museum who has been working on termites for many years.

Ta participate you should do the following:

- You must call the office to book. (Let us know if you are happy to give a ride to other participants.)

- Bring the cost of 100/- per person - to pay on arrival on Saturday 11 December.

- Bring a picnic lunch, binoculars, field guides, *etc.* and meet at 7:00 am at the National Museum car park.

- Bring also your membership card.

ANNUAL WATERBIRD COUNTS

The provisional schedule far the **January** waterbird counts for 2000 is listed below. Experienced birders and those who can offer transport are invited to join the counts.

Wed 5 **Limuru and Manguo**

Fri 7 & Sat 8 **Lake Bogoria**

Sat 8 & Sun 9 **Lake Nakuru**

Wed 12 **Dandora Sewage Works**

Wed 19 **Nairobi National Park & Langata Wetlands**

Fri 21, Sat 22 & Sun 23 **Lakes Elementaita, Oloiden, Sonachi & Naivasha**

Wed 26 **Kenyatta University Ponds**

Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30 **Lakes Victoria & Magadi, Kenya Coast**

For more information contact Oliver Nasirwa or Alfred Owino, Ornithology Dept., Natianal Museums of Kenya, tel: 742161/2/3/4 EXT. 263

SPONSOR *KENYA BIRDS*

As a member, you will now receive *Kenya Birds.* However, if you can sponsor this publication it will help to us to also send it to schools and students.

World Birdwatch '99

Kenya Summary by Jean Githaiga-Mwicigi
Research Scientist and Records Officer,
Ornithology Dept, National Museums of Kenya

Thousands of Kenyans went birdwatching on October 2-3, 1999. This was part of the World Birdwatch coordinated by BirdLife International. So far, the total for Kenya stands at 718 bird species (Appendix four) seen over the weekend. These were recorded from eighty-two different localities countrywide (Appendix one), including twenty-six Important Bird Areas (IBAs). Seven out of the nine Kenyan Endemic species were recorded (Appendix two).

We have received over 200 National Birdmap Checklists from hundreds of participants. These include school parties, IBA site support groups, Wildlife Clubs of Kenya members, tour guides, and other enthusiastic birders including the British High Commissioner! The Mombasa area along the Kenyan coast had the most watchers, with six hundred schoolchildren turning up for the event!

Kenya's threatened birds are classified as critically endangered, endangered, and vulnerable. Three of the four critically endangered (and endemic) species — the Taita Thrush *Turdus (olivaceus) helleri*, Taita Apalis *Apalis (thoracica) fuscigularis*, and Taita White-eye *Zoosterops (paliogaster) silvanus* — were recorded from the Ngangao forest fragment of the Taita Hills. The Spotted Ground Thrush *Zoothera guttata*, an African migrant and one of Kenya's two endangered bird species, was seen at the Arabuko-Sokoke Forest. Eight out of Kenya's eighteen vulnerable species were recorded. These are the Blue Swallow *Hirundo atrocaerulea* (a flock of 20 birds at Mbita Point, Sindo); the Sokoke Pipit *Anthus sokokensis* (seen by the Arabuko-Sokoke team in the forest); Sharpe's Longclaw *Macronyx sharpei* (observed by the Friends of Kinangop team at the Kinangop plateau); Papyrus Yellow Warbler *Chloropeta gracilirostris* (seen by Nicodemus Nalianya's team at the shores of Lake Victoria); Aberdare Cisticola *Cisticola aberdare* (observed by Leon Bennun at "Trees" in North Kinangop); Turner's Eremomela *Eremomela turneri* (seen in Kakamega forest); Amani Sunbird *Anthreptes pallidigaster* and Clarke's Weaver *Ploceus golandi* (both observed by the Arabuko-Sokoke team in the forest).

Birds that migrate from other areas included : two Malagasy migrants (MM), including one that occurs locally (mm) and forty-six African migrants (am). These included eleven species which have no resident or non-migratory individuals (AM). Seventy-four Palaearctic migrants from Europe and Asia were seen (PM), twelve of which are resident, non-migratory individuals (pm) (see Appendix three).

Abbreviations

Scarcity

B	fewer than 50 records in Kenya
X	mostly threatened, rare or infrequently recorded species.

Threat

C	Critically Endangered
E	Endangered
V	Vulnerable

Migratory status

AM	Afrotropical migrant
MM	Malagasy migrant
PM	Palaearctic migrant

Where letters are in lower case — **am, mm** or **pm**— migrants of that category occur alongside resident or non-migratory individuals

Number at left on Appendix four = checklist number in the *Checklist of the Birds of Kenya*, Third Editon, 1996

Appendix One

Localities, World Birdwatch '99

Locality, Town, QSD, IBA(*)

Aberdare National Park, Mweiga, 62B, *
Amboseli National Park, Ambaseli, 88C, *
Arabuko-Sokoke, Kilifi, 102B, *
Arboretum, Nairobi, 75B,
Bahati Forest, Nakuru, 62A,
Chepkailel Campus, Eldoret, 49C,
Cherengani Hills, West Pokot, 37C/D, *
Dunga Beach, Kisumu, 60B, *
Ferguson Gulf, Lake Turkana, 13B/D, *
Gatamaiyu Forest, Kijabe, 62D, *
Gede Nature Reserve, Gede, 103A, *
Ilkek, Gilgil, 62C,
Kaibibich, West Pokot, 37C,
Kakamega Forest, Shinyalu, 48D, *
Kibwezi, 88B,
Kigia Farm, Ilkek, 62A,
Kijabe, 62D,
Kimende, Kijabe, 62D,
Kinangop Plateau, North Kinangop, 62D, *
Kirima, North Kinangop, 62D,
Kadiaga, Kisumu, 60B,
Lake Baringo, Baringo, 50A, *
Lake Magadi, Magadi, 75C, *
Lake Nakuru National Park, Nakuru, 62A, *
Lake Ol Balassat, Nyahururu, 62A,
Lake Oloidien, Naivasha, 62C,
Lake Sare, Usenga, 60A,
Lake Solai, Nakuru, 62A,
Limuru, Limuru, 75B,
Lolamarim Farm, Nanyuki, 51C,
Lokichaggia, Turkana, 2C,
Maasai Mara GR, Narak, 74A, C, *
Makadara Forest, Shimani, 114C,
Malewa River Ladge, Ilkek, 62A,
Marich Pass, West Pokot, 37A,
Mau Forest, Njora, 61B, *
Mbale, Wundanyi, 101A,
Mbita Paint, Hama Bay, 60A,
Moi University, Eldoret, 49C,
Mount Kenya, Nyeri, 63A, *
Mpala Ranch, Nanyuki, 50D,
Msau, Wundanyi, 101A,
Mtita Andei, Mtito Andei, 89C,
Mwaluganje Elephant Sanctuary, Shimani, 114C,
Mwatate, Wundanyi, 101C,
Mweiga, Nyeri, 62B,
Nairobi National Park, Nairabi, 75B, *
Naivasha Yatch Club, Naivasha, 62C, *
Nasalot NR, West Pokat, 37A,
National Museums of Kenya, Nairabi, 75B,
Ngangao Forest, Taita, 101A, *
North Kinangop, North Kinangop, 62D, *
Nyahera Hills, Kisumu, 60B,
Nyahururu, Laikipia, 50C,
Ol Pajeta Ranch, Laikipia, 62B,
Olekemonge Garge, Magadi, 75C,
Ololua Forest, Kajiado, 75B,
Olorgesailie, Kajiada, 75C,
Pemba Channel, Shimoni, 114C,
Riara Ridge, Nairobi, 75B,
Rukinga Ranch, Taita, 101D,
Ruma National Park, Homa Bay, 60C, *
Sable Valley, Kwale, 114A,
Samburu National Park, Samburu, 51B, *
Sekenani, Maasai Mara, 74C, *
Sergait Hill, Eldaret, 49A,
Shaba GR, Samburu, 51B, *
Shimba Hills, Shimani, 114A, *
Shimani, Shimoni, 114C,
Sigar, Trans Nzaia, 37C,
Sio Port, Busia, 60B, *
Sweet Waters Tented Camp, Laikipia, 62B,
Taita Hills, Taita, 101A &C, *
Teret, Njoro, 61B,
Tigoni, Limuru, 75B,
Timau, Nanyuki, 51C,
Trees, Murungaru, 62D,
Umani Springs Camp, Kibwezi, 88B,
Wasini Island, Wasini, 114C,
Weiwei , Trans Nzoia, 37C,
Windsor Golf & Country Club, Nairabi, 75B,
Yala Swamp, Siaya, 48C, *

Appendix Two

List of Endemic Bird Species seen - WBW '99

Sharpe's Longclaw *Macronyx sharpei*
Taita Thrush *Turdus (alivaceaus) helleri*
Aberdare Cisticola *Cisticola aberdare*
Taita Apalis *Apalis (tharacica) fuscigularis*
Turner's Eremamela *Eremamela turneri*
Taita White-eye *Zasterops (poliagaster) silvanus*
Clarke's Weaver *Placeus galandi*

Appendix Three

Breakdown of different Categories

Endemics	7
Category B	8
Category X	88
AM	11
am	34
MM	1
mm	1
PM	69
pm	12

Appendix Four
World Birdwatch 1999 - Kenya List

1	Ostrich	
2	Samali Ostrich	
5	Little Grebe	
20	Great White Pelican	
21	Pink-backed Pelican	
26	Great Cormorant	
27	Long-tailed Cormorant	
28	African Darter	X
33	Little Bittern	X, am, pm
34	Dwarf Bittern	X
36	Black-crawned Night Heron	am, pm
37	Cattle Egret	am
38	Little Egret	
39	Dimorphic Egret	
40	Western Reef Heran	X
41	Black Heron	X
42	Camman Squacca Heron	
43	Madagascar Squacca Heron	X, MM
44	Rufaus-bellied Heron	X
45	Green-backed Heron	
46	Yellaw-billed Egret	
47	Great Egret	
48	Grey Heran	am, pm
49	Purple Heran	
50	Goliath Heron	
51	Black-headed Heran	
52	Hamerkop	
53	White Stark	PM
54	Black Stork	X, PM
55	Abdim's Stork	AM
56	Waally-necked Stork	
57	Saddle-billed Stark	
58	Marabau Stork	X
59	African Open-billed Stark	
60	Yellow-billed Stork	
61	Sacred Ibis	
62	Hadada Ibis	
65	Glossy Ibis	am, pm
67	African Spaonbill	
68	Greater Flaminga	am, pm
69	Lesser Flaminga	am
70	Fulvaus Whistling Duck	
71	White-faced Whistling Duck	
72	White-backed Duck	X
73	Spur-winged Goase	
74	Egyptian Goose	
76	Knab-billed Duck	am
77	African Pygmy Goose	X
79	African Black Duck	
80	Cape Teal	
85	Yellow-billed Duck	am
87	Red-billed Teal	
88	Hottentot Teal	
90	Sauthern Pachard	am
95	Secretary Bird	
96	Osprey	
97	African Cuckaa Hawk	X
99	Bat Hawk	X
100	Black-shauldered Kite	
101	African Swallaw-tailed Kite	X
102	Black Kite	am, pm
104	Egyptian Vulture	
105	Haaded Vulture	
106	African White-backed Vulture	
107	Rüppell's Griffon Vulture	
108	Lappet-faced Vulture	
109	White-headed Vulture	
111	Black-chested Snake Eagle	
112	Brawn Snake Eagle	
113	Sauthern Banded Snake Eagle	X
114	Banded Snake Eagle	
115	Bateleur	
117	African Harrier-Hawk	
119	Montagu's Harrier	PM
120	African Marsh Harrier	X
121	Eurasian Marsh Harrier	PM
122	Gabar Gashawk	
123	Dark Chanting Gashawk	
124	Eastern Pale Chanting Goshawk	
125	African Gashawk	
127	Shikra	
130	Little Sparrowhawk	X
134	Great Sparrawhawk	
137	Lizard Buzzard	
139	Mauntain Buzzard	
140	Long-legged Buzzard	B, PM
142	Augur Buzzard	
143	African Fish Eagle	
144	Palm-nut Vulture	
145	Lesser Spatted Eagle	X, PM
147	Tawny Eagle	
149	Imperial Eagle	B, PM
150	Wahlberg's Eagle	am
151	Verreaux's Eagle	X
152	African Hawk Eagle	
153	Baated Eagle	X, PM
154	Ayres' Hawk Eagle	
155	Lang-crested Eagle	
157	African Crowned Eagle	
158	Martial Eagle	
159	Pygmy Falcon	
160	Lanner Falcon	
162	Peregrine Falcon	pm
166	African Hobby	
167	Red-necked Falcon	X
174	Fox Kestrel	X
175	Grey Kestrel	
177	Camman Kestrel	pm
178	Camman Quail	X, pm
179	Blue Quail	B, AM
180	Harlequin Quail	am
183	Caqui Francalin	
186	Red-winged Francalin	X
188	Shelley's Francalin	
190	Crested Francolin	
195	Scaly Francalin	
196	Jackson's Francalin	
199	Yellow-necked Spurfawl	
201	Red-necked Spurfawl	
202	Crested Guineafowl	
203	Vulturine Guineafowl	
204	Helmeted Guineafawl	
206	Common Buttan-quail	
222	Black Crake	
223	Allen's Gallinule	X
224	Purple Swamphen	
225	Common Moarhen	
227	Red-knabbed Caat	am
230	Grey Crowned Crane	
235	Kari Bustard	
237	Buff-crested Bustard	
238	White-bellied Bustard	
239	Black-bellied Bustard	
241	African Jacana	
242	Lesser Jacana	X
243	Greater Painted Snipe	
244	Crab-plover	AM
245	Eurasian Oystercatcher	X, PM
246	Pied Avocet	am
247	Black-winged Stilt	am
250	Water Thick-knee	
251	Spotted Thick-knee	
254	Heuglin's Caurser	
258	Temminck's Courser	
259	Callared Pratincale	am
263	Ringed Plaver	PM
265	Kittlitz's Plaver	
266	Three-banded Plaver	
268	Chestnut-banded Plaver	
270	White-franted Plover	
271	Lesser Sandplaver	PM
272	Greater Sandplover	PM
273	Caspian Plaver	PM
275	Grey Plover	PM
277	Long-toed Plover	
278	Blacksmith Plaver	
279	Spur-winged Plaver	
280	Black-headed Plaver	
283	Black-winged Plaver	
284	Crawned Plaver	
287	Little Stint	PM
293	Curlew Sandpiper	PM
294	Sanderling	PM
296	Broad-billed Sandpiper	X, PM
298	Ruff	PM
300	Common Snipe	PM
301	African Snipe	am
304	Black-tailed Gadwit	X, PM
305	Bar-tailed Godwit	X, PM
306	Whimbrel	PM
307	Curlew	X, PM
309	Redshank	X, PM
310	Marsh Sandpiper	PM
311	Greenshank	PM
312	Green Sandpiper	PM
313	Wood Sandpiper	PM
314	Comman Sandpiper	PM
315	Terek Sandpiper	PM
316	Ruddy Turnstone	PM
322	Saaty Gull	AM
323	Heuglin's Gull	X, PM
324	Lesser Black-backed Gull	PM
326	Grey-headed Gull	
330	Gull-billed Tern	PM
331	Caspian Tern	PM
332	Greater Crested Tern	
333	Lesser Crested Tern	AM
336	Camman Tern	PM
341	Saunders' Tern	
343	Whiskered Tern	pm
344	White-winged Tern	PM
346	Brown Noddy	X
349	Chestnut-bellied Sandgrouse	
350	Black-faced Sandgrause	
354	African Green Pigeon	
357	Tambourine Dave	
358	Blue-spotted Waad Dave	
359	Emerald-spotted Wood Dave	
361	Namaqua Dave	
364	Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon	
365	Olive Pigeon	
366	Speckled Pigeon	
368	Feral Pigeon	
369	Lemon Dove	
370	Red-eyed Dave	
371	African Mourning Dove	
373	Ring-necked Dove	
376	Dusky Turtle Dave	
377	Laughing Dove	
378	Grey Parrat	X
380	Red-fronted Parrat	
381	Brown Parrat	
382	Brawn-headed Parrat	
383	African Orange-bellied Parrat	
387.1	Feral Lavebird	
390	Great Blue Turaca	
391	Rass's Turaca	
395	Schalow's Turaca	
397	Fischer's Turaca	
398	Hartlaub's Turaco	
400	Bare-faced Go-away-bird	
401	White-bellied Go-away-bird	
403	Eastern Grey Plantain-eater	
404	Black-and-white Cuckaa	am, pm
405	Levaillant's Cuckaa	X
406	Great Spatted Cuckaa	X, AM
409	Red-chested Cuckaa	
410	Eurasian Cuckaa	X, PM
411	African Cuckaa	X, AM
417	African Emerald Cuckaa	
419	Klaas's Cuckaa	
420	Diederik Cuckaa	
421	Yellowbill	
422	White-browed Caucal	
424	Black Caucal	X
426	Blue-headed Caucal	
428	African Grass Owl	X
429	Barn Owl	
430	Sokoke Scaps Owl	X
432	African Scops Owl	
434	White-faced Scaps Owl	X
435	Cape Eagle-Owl	
436	Spatted Eagle-Owl	
439	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl	
441	Pearl-spatted Owlet	
443	Afrcian Barred Owlet	
444	African Waad Owl	
447	Marsh Owl	
448	Fiery-necked Nightjar	
449	Mantane Nightjar	
450	Donaldsan-Smith Nightjar	
453	Star-spatted Nightjar	X
455	African White-tailed Nightjar	X
456	Dusky Nightjar	X
459	Gabon Nightjar	X
460	Slender-tailed Nightjar	
466	Böhm's Spinetail	
467	Mattle-throated Spinetail	
468	Scarce Swift	X
469	African Palm Swift	
470	Eurasian Swift	PM
471	African Black Swift	X
473	Nyanza Swift	
475	Mattled Swift	
476	Alpine Swift	
477	White-rumped Swift	
478	Harus Swift	X
479	Little Swift	
480	Speckled Mausebird	
481	White-headed Mausebird	X
482	Blue-naped Mausebird	
484	Narina's Trogon	
485	Bar-tailed Trogan	
486	Grey-headed Kingfisher	
487	Brown-haaded Kingfisher	
488	Woodland Kingfisher	
489	Mangrave Kingfisher	
491	Striped Kingfisher	
493	Half-callared Kingfisher	B
495	Malachite Kingfisher	
497	African Pygmy Kingfisher	am
499	Giant Kingfisher	
500	Pied Kingfisher	
501	Eurasian Bee-eater	PM
503	Madagascar Bee-eater	am
504	Carmine Bee-eater	AM
505	White-throated Bee-eater	am
509	Blue-headed Bee-eater	X
511	White-fronted Bee-eater	
512	Little Bee-eater	
514	Cinnamon-chested Bee-eater	
516	Samali Bee-eater	
518	Abyssinian Roller	X
519	Lilac-breasted Raller	am
521	Rufaus-crowned Raller	

522	Braad-billed Raller	am, mm
524	Haapoe	am, pm
525	White-headed Woad-hoopae	
527	Green Waad-hoapae	
529	Vialet Waad-haopoe	X
530	Camman Scimitarbill	
532	Abyssinian Scimitarbill	
533	Sauthern Graund Harnbill	
538	Red-billed Harnbill	
539	Eastern Yellow-billed Harnbill	
540	Van Der Decken's Hornbill	
541	Jacksan's Harnbill	
542	Hemprich's Hornbill	X
543	Crawned Hornbill	
545	African Grey Harnbill	
547	Trumpeter Harnbill	
549	Silvery-cheeked Harnbill	
550	Black-and-white-casqued Harnbill	
553	Grey-throated Barbet	
554	White-eared Barbet	
556	Green Barbet	
559	Eastern Green Tinkerbird	X
560	Moustached Green Tinkerbird	
563	Yellow-rumped Tinkerbird	
564	Red-franted Tinkerbird	
565	Yellaw-franted Tinkerbird	
568	Red-franted Barbet	
570	Spatted-flanked Barbet	
571	Black-throated Barbet	
572	White-headed Barbet	
575	Black-callared Barbet	
576	Brown-breasted Barbet	
578	Dauble-taathed Barbet	
580	Yellaw-billed Barbet	
582	Red-and-yellow Barbet	
583	d'Arnaud's Barbet	
585	Scaly-throated Honeyguide	
586	Greater Honeyguide	
587	Lesser Haneyguide	
589	Least Honeyguide	X
592	Pallid Honeyguide	X
596	Eastern Haneybird	
597	Wahlberg's Honeybird	
599	Red-thraated Wryneck	X
601	Nubian Woadpecker	
604	Mambasa Woadpecker	
605	Little Spatted Waadpecker	
606	Fine-banded Woadpecker	
607	Buff-spotted Waadpecker	
608	Brawn-eared Waadpecker	
613	Bearded Waodpecker	
616	Grey Waadpecker	
619	African Braadbill	X
625	Northern White-tailed Bush Lark	
628	Rufaus-naped Lark	
630	Red-winged Bush Lark	
631	Flappet Lark	
633	Fawn-calaured Lark	
635	Pink-breasted Lark	
640	Red-capped Lark	
644	Crested Lark	
647	Fischer's Sparraw-Lark	
650	Banded Martin	
651	Plain Martin	
652	Sand Martin	PM
654	Grey-rumped Swallow	
655	Blue Swallow	X, AM
657	Wire-tailed Swallaw	
660	Barn Swallow	PM
661	Ethiapian Swallow	
662	Angola Swallow	
663	Red-rumped Swallaw	
664	Mosque Swallow	
665	Rufous-chested Swallow	
667	Lesser Striped Swallow	
668	Rock Martin	
669	Camman House Martin	X, PM
670	White-headed Saw-wing	
672	Black Saw-wing	
673	African Pied Wagtail	
675	Grey Wagtail	PM
676	Mauntain Wagtail	
677	Cape Wagtail	
678	Yellaw Wagtail	PM
679	Golden Pipit	AM
680	Tawny Pipit	B, PM
681	Grassland Pipit	
684	Plain-backed Pipit	
686	Malindi Pipit	X
689	Tree Pipit	PM
691	Striped Pipit	B
692	Sokoke Pipit	X
693	Sharpe's Langclaw	
694	Yellow-thraated Langclaw	
696	Pangani Langclaw	
697	Rasy-breasted Langclaw	
698	Cameraan Sambre Greenbul	
700	Ansarge's Greenbul	
701	Little Greenbul	
702	Yellow-whiskered Greenbul	
703	Slender-billed Greenbul	
704	Shelley's Greenbul	
705	Mountain Greenbul	
707	Stripe-cheeked Greenbul	
708	Zanzibar Sambre Greenbul	
712	Fischer's Greenbul	
713	Cabanis' Greenbul	
714	Northern Brownbul	
715	Terrestrial Brawnbul	X
720	Tiny Greenbul	
725	Jayful Greenbul	
726	Yellow-bellied Greenbul	
728	Yellaw-throated Leaflove	
729	Camman Bulbul	
730	Red-tailed Bristlebill	
735	Eastern Nicatar	
737	African Hill Babbler	
738	Black-lored Babbler	
739	Arraw-marked Babbler	
740	Brown Babbler	
741	Scaly Babbler	
744	Northern Pied Babbler	
746	Rufaus Chatterer	
756	White-starred Forest Rabin	
763	East Caast Akalat	X
769	Cape Rabin-Chat	
770	Red-capped Rabin-Chat	am
771	Rüppell's Rabin-Chat	
772	White-brawed Rabin-Chat	
774	Snowy-headed Robin-Chat	
780	Red-tailed Ant Thrush	
782	Spatted Marning Thrush	
784	Nightingale	PM
785	Sprosser	PM
786	White-browed Scrub Rabin	
787	Brawn-backed Scrub Rabin	X
788	Eastern Bearded Scrub Robin	
791	Rufaus Bush Chat	PM
793	Camman Redstart	X, PM
794	Common Stanechat	
795	Whinchat	PM
796	Northern Wheatear	PM
800	Isabelline Wheatear	PM
801	Abyssinian Black Wheatear	
803	Capped Wheatear	
804	Red-tailed Chat	
805	Brawn-tailed Rack Chat	
806	Alpine Chat	
807	Narthern Anteater Chat	
808	Sooty Chat	
811	White-shouldered Cliff Chat	
814	Little Rock Thrush	X
816	Olive Thrush	
817	Taita Thrush	X
818	African Thrush	
820	Bare-eyed Thrush	
822	Spotted Ground Thrush	X, PM
825	Orange Ground Thrush	
829	Spotted Flycatcher	PM
831	Dusky Flycatcher	
833	Swamp Flycatcher	
836	Ashy Flycatcher	am
840	White-eyed Slaty Flycatcher	
842	Northern Black Flycatcher	
843	Southern Black Flycatcher	
844	African Grey Flycatcher	
845	Pale Flycatcher	
846	Silverbird	
849	Semi-collared Flycatcher	X, PM
850	Lead-coloured Flycatcher	
855	Sedge Warbler	PM
859	African Reed Warbler	am
861	Greater Swamp Warbler	
862	Lesser Swamp Warbler	
868	Common Whitethroat	PM
870	Blackcap	PM
872	Chiffchaff	B, PM
873	Willow Warbler	PM
874	Uganda Waadland Warbler	
876	Brown Woadland Warbler	
877	Yellow-thraated Waodland Warbler	
880	Little Rush Warbler	
882	White-winged Warbler	
883	Evergreen Forest Warbler	
884	Cinnamon Bracken Warbler	
890	Papyrus Yellow Warbler	B
891	Dark-capped Yellow Warbler	
892	Mountain Yellow Warbler	
893	Singing Cisticala	
894	Red-faced Cisticola	
896	Trilling Cisticola	
898	Hunter's Cisticola	
899	Chubb's Cisticola	
903	Tiny Cisticala	
904	Lang-tailed (Tabara) Cisticala	
906	Winding Cisticala	
907	Carruthers' Cisticola	
909	Staut Cisticala	
910	Aberdare Cisticala	
911	Croaking Cisticala	
912	Rattling Cisticala	
917	Ashy Cisticola	
918	Siffling Cisticala	
919	Zitting Cisticala	
920	Desert Cisticola	
922	Pectaral-patch Cisticola	
923	Wing-snapping Cisticola	
924	Tawny-flanked Prinia	
925	Pale Prinia	
926	Banded Prinia	
930	Grey Wren Warbler	
931	Pale Wren Warbler	
933	Grey-backed Camaroptera	
936	Yellow-breasted Apalis	
940	Chestnut-throated Apalis	
945	Grey Apalis	
947	Black-headed Apalis	
948	Black-throated Apalis	
950	Black-collared Apalis	
952	Bar-thraated Apalis	
952.1	Taita Apalis	X
957	Grey-capped Warbler	
962	Northern Crambec	
963	Red-faced Crambec	
967	White-browed Crambec	
970	Yellaw-bellied Eremomela	
975	Turner's Eremomela	
976	Buff-bellied Warbler	
977	Brown Parisoma	
981	Abyssinian White-eye	
982	Montane White-eye	
982.1	Taita White-eye	X
983	Yellaw White-eye	
988	Dusky Tit	
990	White-bellied Tit	
991	Red-thraated Tit	
993	Mause-calared Penduline Tit	
994	African Penduline Tit	
996	Spatted Creeper	X
997	Little Yellow Flycatcher	
1000	African Blue Flycatcher	
1002	White-tailed Crested Flycatcher	X
1004	Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher	
1007	African Paradise Flycatcher	am
1008	Red-bellied Paradise Flycatcher	
1011	Forest Batis	
1013	Chin-spat Batis	
1014	Pale Batis	
1016	Pygmy Batis	
1017	Black-headed Batis	
1019	Common Wattle-eye	
1020	Black-thraated Wattle-eye	
1025	White-crested Helmet-Shrike	
1027	Retz's Helmet-Shrike	
1028	Chestnut-fronted Helmet-Shrike	
1029	Narthern White-crawned Shrike	
1036	Lesser Grey Shrike	PM
1038	Mackinnon's Shrike	
1039	Grey-backed Fiscal	
1040	Lang-tailed Fiscal	
1041	Taita Fiscal	
1043	Cammon Fiscal	
1046	Brubru	
1047	Black-crawned Tchagra	
1048	Brawn-crowned Tchagra	
1049	Three-streaked Tchagra	
1050	Marsh Tchagra	
1052	Sulphur-breasted Bush-Shrike	
1056	Four-calaured Bush-Shrike	
1059	Grey-headed Bush-Shrike	
1061	Rosy-patched Bush-Shrike	
1064	Tropical Boubau	
1065	Black-headed Gonolek	
1066	Papyrus Gonolek	
1070	Slate-coloured Baubau	
1071	Narthern Puffback	
1072	Black-backed Puffback	
1075	Pink-footed Puffback	
1076	Black Cuckaa-shrike	am
1077	Red-shauldered Cuckaa-shrike	
1079	Purple-throated Cuckaa-shrike	
1080	Grey Cuckoo-shrike	
1082	Common Drango	
1084	Square-tailed Drongo	
1085	Eurasian Galden Oriole	PM
1086	African Golden Oriale	AM
1087	Black-headed Oriole	
1088	Mantane Oriole	
1089	Western Black-headed Oriole	
1090	Green-headed Oriale	
1093	House Craw	
1095	Pied Crow	
1096	White-naped Raven	
1097	Fan-tailed Raven	
1098	Cape Roak	
1100	Stuhlmann's Starling	
1103	Red-winged Starling	
1105	Slender-billed Starling	
1106	Bristle-crawned Starling	
1108	Black-bellied Starling	

1111	Greater Blue-eared Starling	
1112	Lesser Blue-eared Starling	
1115	Rüppell's Long-tailed Starling	
1116	Hildebrandt's Starling	
1118	Superb Starling	
1119	Golden-breasted Starling	
1121	Violet-backed Starling	
1123	Sharpe's Starling	X
1124	Fischer's Starling	
1126	Magpie Starling	X
1128	Wattled Starling	am
1129	Red-billed Oxpecker	
1130	Yellow-billed Oxpecker	
1132	Plain-backed Sunbird	
1135	Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird	
1137	Amani Sunbird	
1140	Collared Sunbird	
1143	Olive Sunbird	
1144	Mouse-coloured Sunbird	
1146	Green-headed Sunbird	
1148	Green-throated Sunbird	
1149	Amethyst Sunbird	
1150	Scarlet-chested Sunbird	
1151	Hunter's Sunbird	
1152	Variable Sunbird	
1159	Northern Double-collared Sunbird	
1161	Eastern Double-collared Sunbird	
1165	Marico Sunbird	
1166	Purple-banded Sunbird	
1170	Red-chested Sunbird	
1171	Black-bellied Sunbird	
1173	Beautiful Sunbird	
1174	Shining Sunbird	X
1176	Copper Sunbird	
1177	Tacazze Sunbird	
1179	Bronze Sunbird	
1180	Golden-winged Sunbird	am
1181	Malachite Sunbird	
1182	Scarlet-tufted Malachite Sunbird	
1184	House Sparrow	
1185	Rufous Sparrow	
1187	Grey-headed Sparrow	
1189	Chestnut Sparrow	
1190	Yellow-spotted Petronia	
1193	White-headed Buffalo-Weaver	
1194	Red-billed Buffalo-Weaver	
1195	White-billed Buffalo-Weaver	
1196	Donaldson-Smith's Sparrow-Weaver	
1197	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver	
1200	Grey-capped Social Weaver	
1201	Black-capped Social Weaver	
1202	Speckle-fronted Weaver	
1203	Grosbeak Weaver	
1204	Compact Weaver	X
1205	Baglafecht Weaver	
1207	Slender-billed Weaver	
1208	Little Weaver	
1209	Black-necked Weaver	
1210	Spectacled Weaver	
1211	Black-billed Weaver	
1213	African Golden Weaver	
1214	Holub's Golden Weaver	
1216	Golden Palm Weaver	
1217	Taveta Golden Weaver	
1219	Northern Brown-throated Weaver	
1222	Yellow-backed Weaver	
1224	Jackson's Golden-backed Weaver	
1226	Vitelline Masked Weaver	
1228	Lesser Masked Weaver	
1229	Northern Masked Weaver	
1230	Speke's Weaver	
1232	Black-headed Weaver	
1233	Vieillat's Black Weaver	
1235	Clarke's Weaver	X
1236	Chestnut Weaver	am
1239	Dark-backed Weaver	
1240	Brown-capped Weaver	
1247	Red-headed Weaver	
1248	Red-billed Quelea	am
1249	Cardinal Quelea	
1251	Yellow-crowned Bishop	
1253	Black Bishop	
1254	Black-winged Red Bishop	
1255	Zanzibar Red Bishop	
1256	Southern Red Bishop	
1258	Yellow Bishop	
1259	Fan-tailed Widowbird	
1260	Yellow-mantled Widowbird	
1261	White-winged Widowbird	
1262	Red-collared Widowbird	
1265	Long-tailed Widowbird	
1269	Grey-headed Negrofinch	
1275	Green-winged Pytilia	
1279	Abyssinian Crimson-wing	
1286	Peter's Twinspot	
1287	Green-backed Twinspot	
1293	Red-billed Firefinch	
1294	African Firefinch	
1299	Yellow-bellied Waxbill	
1301	Crimson-rumped Waxbill	
1302	Black-rumped Waxbill	X
1303	Common Waxbill	
1304	Black-crowned Waxbill	
1306	Black-faced Waxbill	
1307	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
1309	Red-cheeked Cordon-bleu	
1310	Blue-capped Cordon-bleu	
1311	Purple Grenadier	
1312	Zebra Waxbill	
1314	Quail-Finch	
1316	African Silver-bill	
1317	Grey-headed Silver-bill	
1318	Bronze Mannikin	
1319	Black-and-white Mannikin	
1322	Cut-throat Finch	
1323	Village Indigobird	
1328	Pin-tailed Whydah	
1330	Paradise Whydah	
1332	Yellow-crowned Canary	
1333	African Citril	
1334	Papyrus Canary	
1335	Yellow-fronted Canary	
1336	White-bellied Canary	
1337	Brimstone Canary	
1343	Streaky Seedeater	
1344	Thick-billed Seedeater	
1346	Yellow-rumped Seedeater	
1349	Oriole-Finch	
1352	Cinnamon-breasted Rock Bunting	
1354	Golden-breasted Bunting	
1355	Somali Golden-breasted Bunting	

Blue Swallows

WBW Coast Reports

From Kelvin Mazera

Bamburi Nature Trail
World Birdwatch turned into a very big event, probably the biggest bird event ever seen in Mombasa! Hundreds of students from primary and secondary schools and colleges took part with the special appearance of students from as far away as Gede. I was very tired by the end of the day but everyone was very excited.

In the afternoon I joined Michael Ngoa and KEMFRI staff and we accompanied Mama Ngina Girls School Bird Club to English Point where we saw many migratory shorebirds, including an Oystercatcher.

From Marlene Reid

We never imagined that there would be such a huge interest and we were delighted to be able to spread the message of bird and habitat conservation to so many.

Four young men, Kelvin Mazera, Paul Msila, Jairus Koki and James Mutua, are to be congratulated for their superb organisation of the Saturday morning programme at the Nature Trail. With approximately twelve pairs of binoculars you may imagine this was not exactly easy. Fortunately most youngsters have good eyes! There is obviously a very real interest and most students wished they had other opportunities to birdwatch. The Wildlife Clubs of Kenya should consider encouraging schools to form their own bird clubs under guidance of WCK who could arrange for young ornithologists to visit schools and organise localised bird walks. Friends of Fort Jesus (FJJ)kindly sponsored the Mama Ngina Girls entry to the Nature Trail for this event.

While all this was going on I trogged round Nguuni and environs with various people. Saturday morning saw Lorna Depew and myself in the field and in the afternoon FFJ birdwatchers joined the fray. Sunday James, Kelvin and Jairus joined me. Birding the whole day we had a really brilliant time. We ended at one of my favourite ponds and just as we started to crack the Whitecaps (not a bird), an Allen's Gallinule popped out of the reeds! As we have only seen it there about twice in the last ten years – quite a finish to the day, especially as the list started with an Indian House Crow. A really special weekend.

Donors Update

Our appreciation to Block Hotels and Mpala Ranch for accommodation & the Editorial committee of *Horizons* for space.

November Bird Hotline

White-headed Mousebird/ Samburu – Aug
Philip Hechle

Semi-collared Flycatcher – Oct
National Museum grounds/ Titus Imboma

Long-billed Pipit
Red-throated Tit
Nairobi National Park – Oct
Faridah Naor/ Jennifer Oduari/ Japheth Mwok
Shailesh Patel

Locust Finch
Naivasha – Nov
Malachite Sunbird
Wryneck
Limuru – Nov
Long-legged Buzzard
Westland, Nairobi – Nov
Peter Burke

Bat Hawk
Shell BP Sports Club, Karura Forest – Nov
Dudley Lucas

Society Notices

EANHS Bulletin

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The EANHS Bulletin (Volume 29 Numbers 1& 2) is now printed and should come to you with this newsletter.

The Bulletin editor thanks everyone who kindly sent in material for the Bulletin. However, if another issue is to go out soon we need a lot more papers, book reviews, interesting observations (where are the articles on urban wildlife?!), trips, and reports on what our committees are doing.

Please send them to the editor at Box 10018 Bamburi, Mombasa or to the Nature Kenya office, or e-mail them to LADepew@africaonline.co.ke

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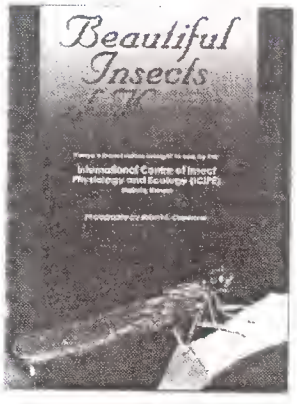

Insects are the most abundant multicellular life form on earth, with an estimated 10 million species at the least. 12 of these species are pictured in this beautiful desk calendar in full colour. **Available from the office from December @160/-**

MUHUHU DEBATE

HOW CAN WE SAVE THE CARVING INDUSTRY?

Come along and listen to a forest economist, a forester, a woodcarver, and contribute to the discussion. There will also be an exhibit on Kamba carvings.

Thursday 13 January 2000, 5:30 p.m. at the Louis Leakey M. Hall

Organised by the **East African Wild Life Society**

Naturalist's Corner

FLOWERING TREES OF THE SEASON

by Fleur Ng'weno

The southern hemisphere spring and the tropical short rains encourage the flowering of many trees in December. For the past two months, highland towns have been decorated in purple and gold: purple blossoms of Jacaranda and golden blossams of Tipuana tipu. Both trees are originally from South America and widely planted as street trees in subtropical regions and tropical highlands.

Flower of Calodendrum capense (botanical name), Cape Chestnut (common name), Murarachi (kikuyu name)
Drawing from Trees of Kenya by Tim Noad and Ann Birnie

Nandi Flame trees were crowned with large cuplike red blossoms. A few, mostly in Nairobi, are orange-yellow instead of red. In most areas, the flowers have now fallen, replaced by long boatlike seedpods. Nandi Flame trees are indigenous to the forests of western Kenya and tropical Africa. They are now planted all over the world, usually under the name of African Tulip Tree.

Now the dry upland forests, as well as city suburbs, are splashed with the pink of Cape Chestnut. The name Cape Chestnut is a bit af cultural imperialism - an African tree with fruits that look like the European chestnut, and first collected by botanists in South Africa. The seeds are not edible for people, but a favourite food of squirrels. A close look at a Cape Chestnut blossom reveals pink petals and violet-spotted staminodes.

In December, coastal towns come ablaze with the red flowers of spreading Flamboyant or Mjohoro trees. Originally from Madagascar, Flamboyant grows best in the lowlands. And as the hot dry season sets in, bougainvillaea flower in profusion. Bougainvillaea are climbers from Brazil, which can be trained and pruned to be living fences, ground covers and even small trees.

For more information we recommend:
Trees of Kenya by Tim Noad and Ann Birnie, especially useful for identifying the trees along the streets and roadsides
and
Kenya Trees, Shrubs and Lianas by Hank Beentje for indigenous trees.

SPECIAL EVENTS OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR IN ARABUKO - SOKOKE FOREST

For more information contact Tansy Bliss@Bigfoot.com or try 0122 32462 or 32102

Sat 18 Dec 8:00 - 11.00 a.m **Launch af Friends of Arabuko Sokoke Forest & First viewing from the Tree Platform** No charge

Tue 21 Dec 8.00 a.m. - 12 noon **Forest Drive and Picnic** Bring own refreshments. 100/- per person

Wed 22 Dec 5:00 - 8.30 p.m **African Broadbill & Sokoke Scops Owl Search** Bring own torch 100/- per person

Fri 24 Dec 6.30 - 10:30 a.m. **Early morning walk** 100/- per person

Mon 27 Dec 8.00 a.m. - 12 noon **Lang distance walk af approximately 14 kms along the elephant track** Bring own breakfast, snacks and plenty of water 100/- per person

Wed 29 Dec 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Birds & Butterflies walk** 100/- per person

Fri 31 Dec 6.30 - 10:30 a.m **Early morning birdwalk** 100/- per person

Sun 2/ Mon 3 Jan 5:30 a.m - 8.00 a.m. **Evening walk and overnight camping** Bring own food and camping gear. Water and toilet facilities will be provided at site. 200/- per person

Bush Craft

If you pride yourself in being a little bit of a safari fundi, then let us know about it, by sharing some of your genius with us! Send your ideas on bush survival techniques, to the Nature Net editor, the best of which will feature in this section.

December Dairy

Wed 1 & 8	**Birdwalk**
Sat 11	**Dudu & Birdwalk at Olorgesailie**
Wed 15	**Birdwalk**
Sun 19	**PotLuck Bird Outing**
Wed 22 & 29	**Birdwalk**

January Dairy

Wed 5	**Limuru and Manguo count**
Fri 7 & Sat 8	**Lake Bogoria count**
Sat 8 & Sun 9	**Lake Nakuru count**
Wed 12	**Dandora Sewage Works count**
Sun 16	**PotLuck Bird Outing**
Wed 19	**Nairobi National Park & Langata Wetlands count**
Fri 21, Sat 22 & Sun 23	**Lakes Elementaita, Oloiden, Sonachi & Naivasha count**
Wed 26	**Kenyatta University Ponds count & Arabuko Sokoke forest walk**
Fri 28, Sat 29 & Sun 30	**Lakes Victoria & Magadi, Kenya Coast Count**
Mon 31	**Tree Walk**